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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. H09-121193, published May 6, 1997.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2002-515712, published May 28, 2002.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2000-312179, published
November 7, 2000.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. H07-231473, published
August 29, 1995.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. H05-199167, published August 6, 1993.

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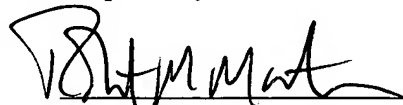
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- Regarding Claims 1 through 4, 12 and 13
 - Publications 1 and 2
 - Remarks

See Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2 regarding the point of prediction, and Claims 1 and 2 and Paragraph numbers (0039) and (0040) of publication 1 regarding the rest of the constitution. Prediction control per se is a well known and commonly used means that is described as a control technique in any textbook.

- Claims 5 and 14
 - Publications 1, 2 and 3

The point of prediction is described in Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2, and the control of transmission power according to the transmission path state is described in Paragraphs number (0039) and (0040) of publication 1; regarding the rest of the constitution, see Paragraph number (0001) of publication 3.

- Regarding Claims 6 through 7, 15 and 16
 - Publications 1 and 2
 - Remarks

See Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2 regarding the point of prediction, and Claims 1 and 2 and Paragraphs number (0039) and (0040) of publication 1 regarding the rest of the constitution.

- Claims 8 and 17
 - Publications 2 and 3
 - Remarks

The point of prediction is described in Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2, and the control of transmission power according to the transmission path state is described in Paragraphs number (0039) and (0040) of publication 1; regarding the rest of the constitution, see Paragraph number (0001) of publication 3.

- Regarding Claims 9, 10, 18 and 19
 - Publications 1, 2 and 4
 - Remarks

The point of prediction is described in Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2, and the control of transmission power according to the transmission path state is described in Claims 1 and 2 of publication 1; regarding the rest of the constitution, see Claim 5 of publication 4.

- Regarding Claims 11 and 20
 - Publications 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - Remarks

The point of prediction is described in Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2; the control of transmission power according to the transmission path state is described in Paragraphs number (0039) and (0040) of publication 1; the constitution of “mobile device ... wherein” is described in Paragraph number (0001) of publication 3; regarding the rest of the constitution, see Claim 5 of publication 4.

- Regarding Claim 21
 - Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 - Remarks

Regarding the point of prediction, see Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2.

A constitution corresponding to “downstream transmission power control, which controls the downstream transmission power of the aforementioned base station... the transmission path state of the aforementioned downstream link using location as a parameter...” is described in Claim 1 of publication 1.

Regarding the constitution of the “base station which controls, the reception state of the downstream link at the mobile device comprising: a base reception unit which receives the upstream wireless signal transmitted via the aforementioned upstream link as a downstream reception signal” and the point of “comprising a downstream transmission power control unit which controls the downstream transmission power of the aforementioned base station based on the aforementioned transmission power control

commands and the transmission path state of the future downstream link obtained as a result of searching the aforementioned database based on aforementioned predicted future location of the aforementioned mobile device; and a base transmission unit which perform transmission processing with the aforementioned downstream transmission power as instructed by the aforementioned downstream transmission power control unit," a corresponding constitution is described in publication 3, Figure 1, etc.

Regarding the "downstream transmission power control command extraction unit which extracts the aforementioned downstream transmission power control commands from the aforementioned upstream reception signal; a mobile device location recognition unit which recognizes the current location of the aforementioned mobile device based on the aforementioned upstream reception signal; a mobile device speed recognition unit which recognizes the current speed of movement of the aforementioned mobile device based on the aforementioned upstream reception signal; and a mobile device location prediction unit which predicts the future location of the aforementioned mobile device based on the current location of the aforementioned mobile device and the current speed of movement of the aforementioned mobile device," a corresponding constitution is described in publication 4, Paragraphs number (0032) and (0037).

Regarding the "database which records the transmission path state of the aforementioned downstream link using location as a parameter," see (Constitution) on page 1 of publication 5, if necessary.

- Regarding Claims 23 and 28

- Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

- Remarks

For the features described directly in the claims, see (Constitution) on page 1 of publication 5.

- Regarding Claims 24 through 26

- Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

- Remarks

The features described directly in the claims are no more than design features.

- Regarding Claim 27

- Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

- Remarks

Regarding the point of prediction, see Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2.

Regarding "a base station wherein upstream transmission power control commands are transmitted from said base station via a downstream link so that the reception state of the upstream link at said base station become good, and the upstream transmission power of the aforementioned mobile device is controlled by means of said upstream transmission power control commands comprising: a base reception unit which receives the upstream wireless signal transmitted via the aforementioned upstream link as a downstream reception signal," "an upstream reception state estimation unit which estimates the upstream reception state of the aforementioned upstream link based on the aforementioned upstream reception signal," and "a mixing unit which outputs a mixed signal obtained by mixing the aforementioned generated upstream transmission power control commands and the upstream transmission information data, and a base transmission unit which performs transmission processing of the aforementioned mixed signal," a corresponding constitution is described in publication 3, Figure 6, etc.

Regarding the "mobile device location recognition unit which recognizes the current location of the aforementioned mobile device based on the aforementioned upstream reception signal; a mobile device speed recognition unit which recognizes the current speed of movement of the aforementioned mobile device based on the aforementioned upstream reception signal; and a mobile device location prediction unit which predicts the future location of the aforementioned mobile device based on the current location of the aforementioned mobile device and the current speed of movement of the aforementioned mobile device," a corresponding constitution is described in publication 4, Paragraphs number (0032) and (0037).

Regarding the "database which records the transmission path state of the aforementioned downstream link using location as a parameter; and an upstream transmission power control command generation unit which generates the aforementioned upstream transmission power control commands that control the upstream transmission power of the aforementioned mobile device based on the aforementioned estimated upstream reception state and the future transmission path state of the upstream link obtained as a result of

searching the aforementioned database based on the aforementioned predicted future location of the mobile device," a corresponding constitution is described in Claim 2 of publication 1.

Regarding the "database which records the transmission path state of the aforementioned downstream link using location as a parameter," see (Constitution) on page 1 of publication 5, if necessary.

- Regarding Claims 29 through 31
 - Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 - Remarks

SIR, BER, FER, etc., are well known as transmission path state parameters.

- Regarding Claims 32 through 35
 - Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 - Remarks

The features described directly in the claims are no more than design features.

- Regarding Claim 36
 - Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 - Remarks

Regarding the point of prediction, see Claims 1 through 4 of publication 2.

Regarding "a mobile device wherein upstream transmission power control commands are transmitted from a base station via a downstream link so that the reception state of the upstream link at said base station become good, and the upstream transmission power of the aforementioned mobile device is controlled by means of said downstream transmission power control commands comprising: a mobile reception unit which receives the downstream wireless signal transmitted via the aforementioned downstream link as a downstream reception signal; a downstream transmission power control command extraction unit which extracts the aforementioned downstream transmission power control commands from the aforementioned downstream reception signal" and "a mobile transmission unit which performs transmission processing at the upstream transmission power instructed by the aforementioned upstream transmission power control unit," a corresponding constitution is described in publication 3, Figure 7, etc.

Regarding the "mobile device location recognition unit which recognizes the current location of the aforementioned mobile device; a mobile device speed recognition unit which recognizes the current speed of movement of the aforementioned mobile device; and a mobile device location prediction unit which predicts the future location of the aforementioned mobile device based on the current location of the aforementioned mobile device and the current speed of movement of the aforementioned mobile device," a corresponding constitution is described in publication 4, Claim 5.

Regarding the "database which records the transmission path state of the aforementioned downstream link using location as a parameter; and an upstream transmission power control unit which controls the upstream transmission power of the aforementioned mobile device based on the aforementioned upstream transmission power control commands and the future transmission path state of the upstream link obtained as a result of searching the aforementioned database based on the aforementioned predicted future location of the mobile device," a corresponding constitution is described in Claim 2 of publication 1.

Regarding the "database which records the transmission path state of the aforementioned upstream link using location as a parameter," see (Constitution) on page 1 of publication 5, if necessary.

- Regarding Claims 37 through 38
 - Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 - Remarks

The features described directly in the claims are no more than design features.

- Regarding Claim 39
 - Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
 - Remarks

Storing the transmission path state in a database using location as a parameter is described under (Constitution) on page 1 of publication 5; regarding the remaining constitutive elements, corresponding constitutive elements are disclosed in other publications.

Regarding Claims 40 and 41

· Publications 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

· Remarks

The features described directly in the claims are no more than design features.

List of Cited Literature

1. Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-121193
2. International Publication No. 99/59363 Pamphlet (1999). The equivalent Kohyo Publication is 2002-515712.
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